

Bank of Eastern Oregon to host Invitational Wrestling Tournament



Pictured is the 2009-2010 wrestling team and coaches. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Bank of Eastern Oregon announces the invitees to the Bank of Eastern Oregon 2010 Invitational Wrestling Tournament to be held at Heppner High School on February 6. High schools scheduled to compete are Adrian, Colton, Crane, Enterprise/Wallowa, Grant Union, Heppner, Imbler, Irrigon, Joseph, McLoughlin (JV), Riverside, and Union.

The competition will begin at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the door and concessions will be

available. Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's chief financial officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumental in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event. "The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual tournament and looks forward to the 2010 competition. The inaugural 2009 event was outstanding and we intend the BEO Invitational to be a "can't miss" tournament on every

school's future schedule," said Lemmon. "We appreciate bank staff and local citizens who volunteer to help at the event or sponsor amenities; their help makes the tournament run smoothly."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or have any inquiries concerning the upcoming event, contact Heppner High School's athletic director, Greg Grant, at 541-676-9138 or Mark Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

Cardinals pull out win over Echo

The lone Cardinals got back on the winning track in their only game last weekend, defeating Echo in a close contest, 49-45. Earlier in the week, the Cardinals lost a physical, non-conference match-up with Riverside 66-53.

Playing on the road in Echo on January 22, the Cardinals established an early lead, 13-5 over the Cougars after one quarter. But Echo was tenacious and only trailed lone by three, 20-17 at the half. The hosts narrowed the lead to just two points at the start of the fourth quarter but the Cards were able to squeak out the win.

Zac Orem led the team in scoring with 18 points and Mat Hams added 17. The Cards struggled from the floor, shooting 33% where they normally shot in the 40's. It was helpful that Echo had an even cooler shooting night, making just 29% of their shots. The Cardinals had 21 opportunities at the free throw line but connected on just 12.

Ione was able to manage a slight 36-35 rebounding edge, led by Tanner Rietmann with 12.



#5 Evan Rietmann shoots and scores during the game against Echo on January 22. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

Rietmann also had two blocked shots and three assists. Matt Hams paced the team with four steals and three assists.

"This was a huge win," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "It is always hard to get wins at Echo. Everyone played great defense and worked hard until the end."

The Cards got off to a slow start in Boardman on Monday, January 19, finding themselves down 10-4 after one quarter. But they roared back to take the half-time lead by outscoring the Pirates 20-12 in the second. Turnovers cost the Cards in the third quarter

and the Pirates capitalized, scoring 25 points. It was too much for lone to overcome as they were defeated 66-53.

Three lone players scored in double figures led by Matt Hams with 18. Zac Orem chipped in with 16 and Tanner Rietmann had 10. RJ Ramos led the Cardinals to a 36-35 rebounding advantage with 10 boards. Tanner Rietmann had nine boards and Adam Collin had eight.

"It was good to see us play so physical," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I really felt we played well. If we could take away a few minutes in the third quarter where we turned the ball over, it was equal."

Every game from this point on is meaningful. The Cards hosted Central Christian on Tuesday (too late for publication) and also travel to Nixyaawii on Friday and host South Wasco County on Saturday.

HHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 30 - at Irrigon, 9 a.m.
Feb. 6 - BEO Invitational at home, 9 a.m.
Feb. 20 - District Tournament at Union, 8 a.m.

Lady Mustangs take hold of first place

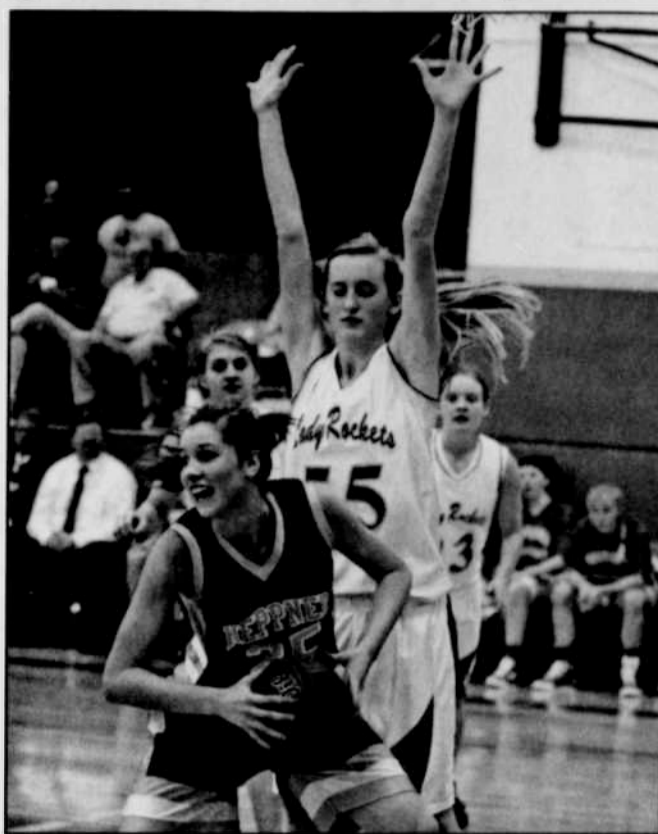
The Heppner Lady Mustangs basketball team used some clutch free throw shooting to squeak out a win in Pilot Rock on Friday night. With the win, Heppner moves into first place in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Brynna Rust sank two free throws in the final minute to put Heppner up by three points. Pilot Rock responded with a lay-in with seven seconds left, but Erin Price dribbled out the clock to preserve the win, 47-46.

Down 15-11 after the first quarter, Heppner used a 19 point second quarter to pull ahead 30-25 at halftime. Jessica Hughes led the Mustangs with 16 points, including two three-pointers to spark the second quarter run. Torri Lovgren added 11 points and Brynna Rust chipped in 10. Heppner, as it has all year, made it to the free throw line early, converting often on 19 of 27 attempts.

Saturday night, the Lady Mustangs returned home to take on Weston-McEwen. Heppner raced out to a 17-2 lead after one quarter and cruised to a 47-26 victory. Erin Price, Joanna Patton and Torri Lovgren each scored 10 points to lead the Mustangs in scoring. Brynna Rust led the team with eight rebounds and six steals, to go along with four points.

Weston-McEwen only scored double digits in one quarter, the fourth, with Heppner's starters on the bench for most of that quarter. The Lady Mustangs



JoAnna Patton looks for help in a thrilling game for two undefeated girls' basketball teams. The Mustangs took home the win in a game 47-46. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

were able to get 11 players into the game, with seven scoring points.

With the wins last weekend, the Lady Mustangs sit alone atop the Blue Mountain Conference with a record of 8-0 conference and 14-2 overall. The Mustangs will play two home games this weekend with Stanfield on Friday night and Irrigon on Saturday.

Heppner 47, Pilot-rock 46
HHS 11 19 6 11- 47
PRHS 15 10 8 13- 46
Heppner- Jessica Hughes 16, Brynna Rust 10, Torri Lovgren 11, Erin Price 5, JoAnna Patton 3, Taylor Dougherty 2, Emily Thompson Pilot-Rock- Erika Drake 13,

Liz Willingham 10, Amy Perrine 12, Jordan Jeppe 6, Renne Mulcare 5, Ashley Gambill

Heppner 47, Weston-McEwen 26
WMHS 2 5 8 11- 26
HHS 17 13 12 5- 47
Weston-McEwen- Sydney Porter 11, Makayla Christopher 6, Haley Freske 4, Tiffany Cain 4, Jaymie Zimmerman 1, Paula Thompson, Shae Youncs. HEPPNER- Erin Price 10, JoAnna Patton 10, Torri Lovgren 10, Jessica Hughes 7, Brynna Rust 4, Taighler Dougherty 4, Emily Thompson 2, Alaina Wilson, Baily Bennett, Maggie Collins, Natalie Rauch.

Lady Cardinals fall to Cougars

The lone Lady Cardinals had a tough outing when they traveled to Echo on Friday, January 22, losing to the Cougars 57-35. The loss moves the Cardinal's league mark to 5-2.

A fired-up Echo team knocked the Lady Cards on their heels immediately, taking a 12-1 lead after one quarter and continuing to roll in the second to lead 30-8 at halftime. The Lady Cards were down by 26 points when they put together an 11-0 run to cut the lead to 15. Echo responded but lone ran off a 6-2 run at the end of the third, keeping the lead at 15 going into the fourth. A Beth Morter steal and lay-in early in the fourth cut the lead to 13 but that was as lone would get as Echo powered to the 20 point win.

Stefanie Archer led the team with 10 points, nine rebounds and five steals. Beth Morter chipped in with seven points and



Beth Morter puts up a shot during the lone versus Echo game on January 22. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

Briana Peterson had six. "Echo came out ready to play," said Coach Mike Garrett. "They did a good job of handling our press in the first half and we couldn't buy a bucket. It was one of those nights. Two of 26 from the field in

the first half and not transitioning back on defense aggressively put us in a large deficit. The kids came out and played a very good second half and we are looking forward to playing them again in the couple of weeks."

Ione High School Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 - at Mission (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 - South Wasco at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Echo at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Condon (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Helix at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
Feb. 13 - at Dufur (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
Feb. 18-20 - District Tournament at Umatilla

HHS Girls Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 1 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
Feb. 12 - at Union, 1 p.m.

HHS Boys Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 1 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
Feb. 12 - at Union, 1 p.m.

HHS Girls JV Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 3 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 3 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
Feb. 12 - at Union, 3 p.m.

HHS Boys JV Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12 - at Union, 4:30 p.m.

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